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U N I V E R S I T Y

Students vote today in SA presidential runoff

Ryan Cook
Copy Editor

Harding students will decide between senior Steve Cloer and junior Marcus Moore today in a runoff to determine the Student Association president for next school year.

Cloer and Moore were the top vote getters in Wednesday's four-way race for president, but neither received the required 50 percent of the vote. Students can vote in the student center today after chapel until 4:30 p.m.

More than 1,200 students cast ballots for SA and class officers Wednesday.

In uncontested SA races, junior David Scharff was elected vice president and senior Andrea Kloske was reelected secretary.

The following were elected SA class representatives for 2001-2002:

- Senior women: Jamie Kulild
- Junior women: Liz Baiocchi
- Junior men: Jordan Collier
- Sophomore women: Starla Robinson
- Sophomore men: Gary Lashley

There were no candidates for SA treasurer or for senior men's representative. Those offices will be on the ballot along with the freshmen class officers in September.

Cloer and Moore advanced to today's runoff by receiving more votes than juniors Ryan Kirksey and Dan Noble.

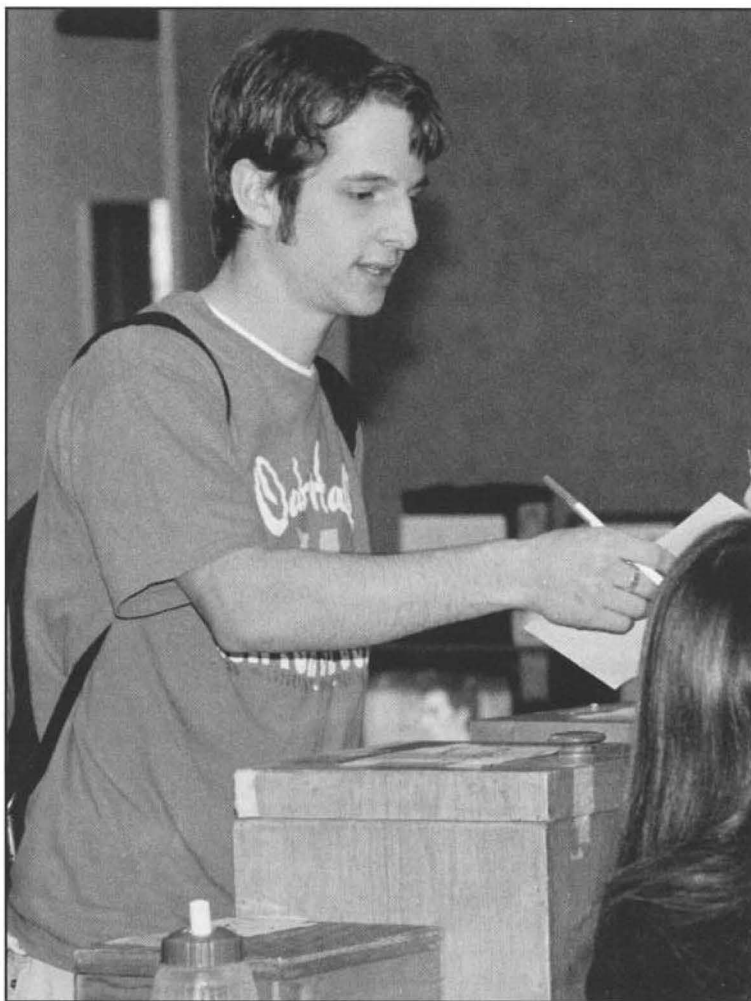
Moore, a marketing and vocational ministry major from Searcy, stated that he plans to seek student input in areas such as chapel and campus building projects. He noted Habitat for Humanity as a potential project.

"It's about glorifying God and serving the student body as fellow servants and fellow Christians," Moore said.

Cloer, a math and Bible major from Searcy, outlined a platform based on Mark 10:45 — "To serve, not be served."

His proposed programs include dorm prayer groups and a Searcy-area carnival.

"I want to not only serve the students and help them in their needs, but I want to lead the students in serving others and one another," Cloer said.



Ashlee Johnson/The Bison

Junior Adam Halford casts a ballot during Wednesday's Student Association elections. The runoff for SA President between Steve Cloer and Marcus Moore will be today after chapel until 4:30 p.m. The two were the top vote getters in the four-way race for president but neither received 50 percent of the vote.

Campus to receive touch-up

Board will consider adding new dorm

Jalaina Tyree
Staff Writer

Each fall, Harding students come back to a somewhat changed campus. From the small changes of new paint to the big changes of new buildings, fall 2001 will not be any different.

President David Burks said a new women's dorm is being considered and will be discussed at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

"It will be discussed, but no decisions have been made," Burks said.

If a new dorm is approved, it would be a twin to Shores and built to the north of the dorm, which was completed in August 2000. The parking lot on the east side would also be extended to Park Street.

Preparations are already under way for a \$1.5 million addition to the Ganus Athletic Center. This addition on the south end of the building will include a larger weight room and other facilities. Construction is scheduled to begin next month.

To many students' relief, there will be more parking added to the campus. The university has purchased land north of the science building, which will be paved this summer.

Two existing buildings will undergo major renovations as well.

The Mabee Business Building will be getting new carpet, wallpaper, paint and a new air conditioning system. The building has not undergone major renovations since it was built 19 years ago.

The science building will also have some work done. According to Burks, it is a "big job," including a new heating/air conditioning system as well as a new ceiling and a fresh coat of paint.

Finally, as is standard practice, two dorms will be painted. Graduate Hall and the West Apartments get their turn this summer.

In long-term plans, Burks said the university plans to build a new technology and education building. The new building would provide space for the School of Education and the Department of Computer Science. The traditional sciences such as biology and chemistry will stay in the current science building, but they will be able to spread out and create more classrooms or labs.

"We hope to do this within the next three years," Burks said.

The advancement office is in the process of making a proposal to raise the funds for the project.

After leading groups around world, Hopper tapped as new Dean of International Studies

Longtime professor retires from position after 21 years at helm of overseas campuses

Rachel McCuiston
Staff Writer

For the past 21 years, Harding's international studies program has been under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Don Shackelford.

But a transfer of power will take place this summer when Shackelford retires, and Dr. Jeff Hopper takes over as dean of the growing program.

Shackelford, who has been at Harding for 28 years, retired from teaching last year but decided to remain Dean of International Studies until the end of the 2001 school year.

He wrote in an e-mail to faculty earlier this semester stating that working for Harding has been a blessing to him and his family.

He also expressed gratitude toward Hopper for his willingness to oversee the international program.

"I am grateful that he has accepted the position to lead international studies to greater things," Shackelford said.

Hopper, a music profes-

sor who will teach only one honors class next year, has taught at all but one international program and is well aware of the effort needed for the international studies program to flourish.



Shackelford



Hopper

"Our relationship has been excellent," Shackelford said. "Jeff has worked with me for several years. He has led groups to HUG, HUF and HUE, and he went on the fact-finding trip to HULA."

Hopper is excited about his new position.

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Jeff Hopper,
professor

Mary Lou Daughety, secretary for the international studies program, said Hopper has always seemed to have an interest in and love for the overseas programs.

Among the administrative duties of the dean are budgeting the programs, arranging for food and housing, selecting teachers, planning academic courses, planning excursions, recruiting students and managing the full-time HUG and HUF staffs.

With Shackelford at HUG this semester, Hopper has already begun overseeing the program to a certain degree.

Harding has revised the teacher selection process and increased the international programs to nine semesters annually, with three semesters at HUG and HUF and one semester at HUA each year.

HUE and HULA, which will begin this year, will alternate every other fall.

Hopper said one goal of the international studies program is to have at least half the student body and faculty participate in the program.

"I'd like to see every student go overseas," he said.

Since not everyone can afford to go overseas, travel scholarships may become an option to help those who are dependent on financial aid, Hopper said.

Shackelford plans to remain in Searcy and work for a local Christian organization.

"I will be working with Truth for Today in writing and editing materials for evangelizing the world," he said. "That is exciting."

Parting words

WHAT SEEMS LIKE A LONG, LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR away, I was a freshman at Harding.

In retrospect, four years isn't that much time, but



Writer's Block

Sarah Terry
Editor

remembering all that has happened makes it seem like an eternity.

When I came to Harding in August 1997, the world was still in the last millennium, Bill Clinton was president, Diana was a princess, John F.

Kennedy Jr. was the most watched newlywed and "Seinfeld" still followed "Friends" every Thursday night. That was before school shootings were frequent occurrences — before Jonesboro became known around the world for its school shootout and before the Columbine massacre.

The past four years may have gone by in a blink, but it seems like lifetimes since I wasn't a student here.

For graduating seniors, the time has been long enough to change our lives and help define who we are and the people we strive to become. Perhaps no year has been so instrumental in preparing us for the future as our last one.

A DIFFERENT VIEW

I have spent much of my final year holed away above the student center. Being editor of *The Bison* has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I've learned so much

more than finding a story and assigning pictures.

In particular, I've learned that a campus newspaper is one of the greatest tools to communicate with the student body. I've learned that there are plenty of students ready to respond — often very vocally — about what they read in this publication. Even when I haven't agreed with their comments, I've

appreciated what they have to say.

Often, their comments have been in response to something I had to say.

When I wrote columns during the year that labeled me a Democrat, feminist and cheerleader of Harding's minority single population, I realized that there would be a dissenting opinion.

I was proud to have an outlet to voice my thoughts, and because of the positive response I received, I know there was an audience for what I had to say, too — even if it wasn't always the majority opinion.

TRUE CONFESSIONS

Eight semesters, three trips to the dean, countless late hours and one dormed weekend later, I have to admit that most of my best times at Harding were because of curfew.

Curfew gave people who had to be in something to gripe about, but it also gave everyone someone to gripe with.

It's a phenomenon of the college years that students can stay up all night talking with the same people they live with and see every day. I never realized how fast 4 a.m. comes when talking with friends.

Within six months, I will begin paying back the thousands of dollars I owe Harding. The money that I'm returning isn't for the academics, although it did earn me a degree.

What sets Harding apart is the strict code of conduct; knowing that there will always be rules and a curfew — and stronger relationships because of it. The close ties I have made to this school during the past four years have made every penny I'll send back worth it.

As I prepare to leave, everything suddenly becomes bittersweet — going to Wal-Mart, half price drinks at Sonic, weekends in Little Rock, road trips, staying up all night talking — yes, even chapel.

College packs a lot of growing up into four short years. I'm glad I did it here.

Truth behind mass e-mailing: often more fiction than fact

As you open your e-mail and the excitement mounts, the last thing you really want to see is that your box is full of forwards. And it is always the same people. The ones who believe everything they hear.

My solution to this problem is simple: www.urbanlegends.about.com. This web site goes back to the source of thousands of forwards to see where they originated and tell you whether they are true. Remember the ones from GAP, Outback and Abercrombie & Fitch that promise discounts? None are true. In fact, most were written by teens.

People are often skeptical of junk mail in their snail mail box, but are willing to believe every e-mail forward they are sent — even if it was sent in jest.

For example, one of the latest scares, especially in religious circles, is the story about Harry Potter and the satanic messages that the books supposedly contain.

Scroll to the bottom of the forward and there is a link that goes to the origin of the message, which was in "The Onion," a web-based magazine. The article was written as a farce. In fact, the whole site is a farce. Every article makes fun of important things happening in the news.

However, some forwards are true. In April 1999, the ABC sitcom "The Practice" had an episode in which one of the lawyers' mother wanted him to go to court and help her get a marriage license so she could marry her lesbian lover.

A concerned citizen wrote to ABC and expressed his concern for the situation as well as irritation that homosexuality seems to be slipping into a lot of the station's sitcoms. He didn't really expect to get a reply, but the very next day he received a rude e-



Guest Room

Jalaina Tyree

mail from a representative of the station.

The sender of the original letter was shocked and angry. He decided to publicize the letter by forwarding it to others and sending it to the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*. Two years later, that message is still being sent.

Forwards can be very persuasive to the naive reader. Like many people and their addiction to junk snail mail, some people are the same with their e-mail. They spend hours reading it and sending it to others.

If you are sick of continually getting the same forwards from the same people, do something about it. Send this address to misguided friends or relatives or visit the site to find the fake forwards' history, then write a forward-in-fatuated friend to tell them the truth. Give them a phrase that is age-old: "Don't believe everything you hear" — or read.

Letters to the Editor

Mass campaigning lacks substance

Dear Editor:

I did not vote in this year's Student Association election, but before I am grated by a Floridian Democrat, I would like to explain why.

Monday in chapel I was pleased to see the four men who presented campaign platforms to the student body. I was impressed that the group looked and sounded serious. I then ducked to avoid a flying baby doll.

Later, I had burned biscuits in mind and walked to the student center, where the wallpaper must have changed. Flyers adorned the walls, and I realized that this had turned into a high school election once again. Later in the week, I noticed seven flyers for one candidate and six for another on the same doorway. The tone of

the election started to sound obnoxious.

We have the typical campaign promises of a democracy for students and cries for changes in cafeteria food. We have people exclaiming how their candidates are the best; then the popularity contest begins.

Student elections are not about who can give out the most Popsicles, nor are they about who can make the most noise. It's about learning the most about the candidate and judging who will perform best in the office.

Perhaps the campaign would run best with a series of speeches and campaign publications printed on the paper that adorns the student center.

It isn't about the number of flyers; it's about making yourself known as a valuable public servant.

Lyz Nichols,
junior

Speak out: What is your best memory of the year?



"I went to HUG last semester, and the cruise from Turkey to Athens was great."
Chris Minich,
junior



"Pledging Ju Go Ju was so much fun because of all the great friends I have made this year."
Elly Green,
sophomore



"The best thing that happened this year was getting engaged to my girlfriend, Amy Martin."
Scott Ware,
junior



"Getting closer to the people in my group on my campaign to Hawaii."
Tracie Hendershot,
senior

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History of dash rallies participants to finish line

Saturday's annual race honors local man killed by drunk driver

Mac Bell
Staff Writer

More than 18 years ago, Harry Miller was tragically killed by a drunk driver.

Miller, who attended the College Church of Christ and worked for Searcy Parks and Recreation, was liked and respected by many in the community. After Miller's death, Dr. Paul Pollard, professor of Bible, and several other concerned citizens decided that something should be done locally about drunk driving.

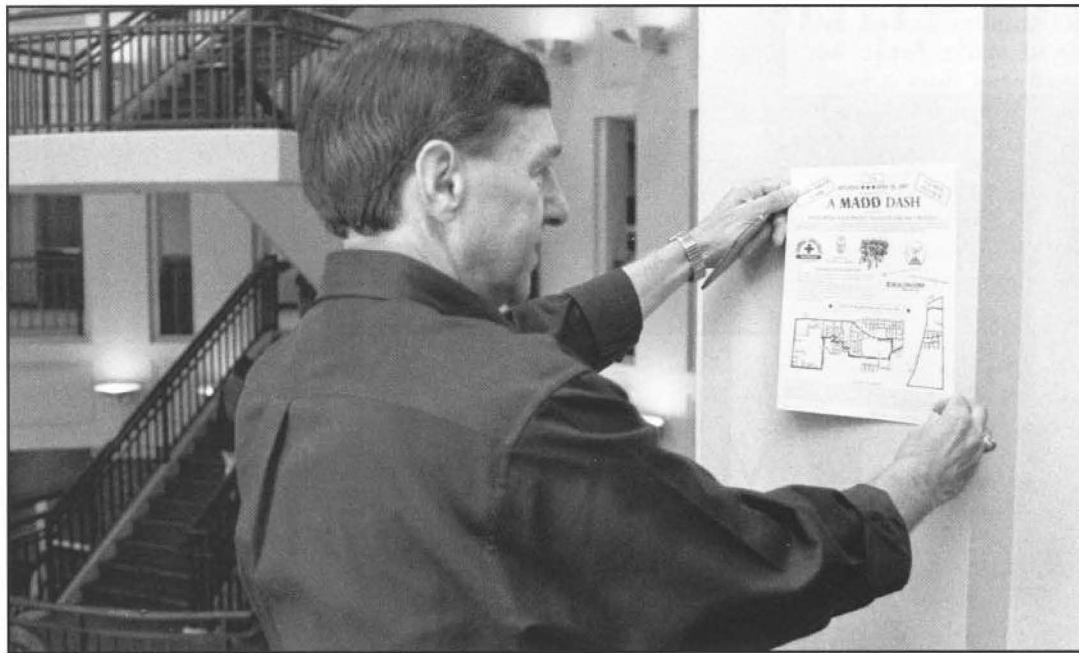
The event which Miller's death inspired, the MADD Dash, will take place at 8 a.m. tomorrow at the Carmichael Community Center, 801 S. Elm.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is a national organization composed of devastated families of innocent victims, surviving victims and concerned citizens who promote awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

"The purpose of this race is to buy video cameras for the White County Sheriff's Department so that they might be able to get more convictions on drunk driving charges," Pollard said. "We have been able to buy 14 cameras in the past few years."

Before his death, Miller detailed a plan for a race called the Searcy Scamper. The course that he drew is what is used today for the MADD Dash; the 10K race is named in his honor.

The MADD Dash includes three separate races: the Harry Miller 10K, the 5K and the half-



Dr. Paul Pollard, professor of Bible, posts a sign promoting the MADD Dash on the second floor of the McInteer Bible Building. Proceeds from the 18th annual event, which begins at 8 a.m. tomorrow, help purchase cameras for the White County Sheriff's Department. Runners can participate in the Harry Miller 10K race, a 5K race or a half-mile fun run/walk.

mile fun run/walk.

The 10K is a 6.2-mile race up Skyline Drive. Pollard said it is a tough, hilly race that is designed with the top conditioned runner in mind.

The 5K (3.1 miles) is a countryside run and the return is downhill. The conditioned runner/athlete will be capable of running this race.

The half-mile fun run/walk is designed for those young people and older citizens who prefer to walk to contribute to this event.

Following the race, there will

be soft drinks and fruit provided for the runners.

Runners may preregister today in the Bible office or at Pollard's office, McInteer 238. The preregistration fee is \$10. Race day registration begins at 6:30 a.m.; the cost that day will be \$15.

Every runner in the 5K and 10K will receive a t-shirt. Also, runners who raise \$25 or more in sponsorships will run for free and receive a free t-shirt.

Winners will be declared in six different age divisions. The over-

all winners will not be included in the age division winners.

Overall male and female winners get a three-month membership at Healthcorp; the top three runners with the most sponsorship money raise get prizes as well.

This year's event will feature a computerized finish line, provided by Arkansas Runner magazine. Results from the winners of each division will also be posted on the Arkansas Runner web site.

Harding opens LR campus for grad students

Sarah Madden
Staff Writer

After recently opening a branch campus in a shopping plaza near McCain Mall in North Little Rock, Harding is offering a convenient program for teachers in the Little Rock area to earn their master of arts in teaching degree without coming to Searcy.

"We chose to open the envelope further and do something a little different," said Connie Elrod, director of the Little Rock Professional Center and assistant professor of education.

"We have tapped into the Little Rock market in central Arkansas, and there's a real need here. We offer weekend courses, something that other schools here don't have yet and something that all of our students have complemented us on. [Weekend courses are] something that they needed."

The facility is equipped with three classrooms and offers a professional feel which the students appreciate, Elrod said.


The center is geared to nontraditional students who already hold a bachelor's degree. Currently, the center in North Little Rock is only offering courses toward the MAT degree, but Elrod said they plan to offer more in the future.

"We feel we're at the tip of the iceberg," Elrod said. "Eventually we hope to expand to offer nursing and business courses."

Educators in the Little Rock area are excited about the opportunity of furthering their education without having to commute to Searcy.

"I have thought a lot about getting my master's in teaching; I just wasn't sure when I'd be able to do it," said Molly Bursey, a teacher in Little Rock who graduated from Harding in Searcy.

"I feel encouraged that I now have the option of going to Harding in Little Rock on the weekends to receive my masters in education."


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Congressman highlights commencement plans

From Staff Reports

Preparations for Harding's May commencement exercises are being finalized. The ceremony is scheduled for May 12 at 10 a.m. in the Ganus Athletic Center.

In just 15 days, approximately 430 students will graduate, according to Neale Pryor, vice president for academic affairs.



Hutchinson

The number is down slightly from last year, Pryor said.

U.S. Representative Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.) will deliver the commencement address.

Hutchinson, whose press

agent said Monday he had not determined what topic he would address, has a son, John, who will graduate from Harding.

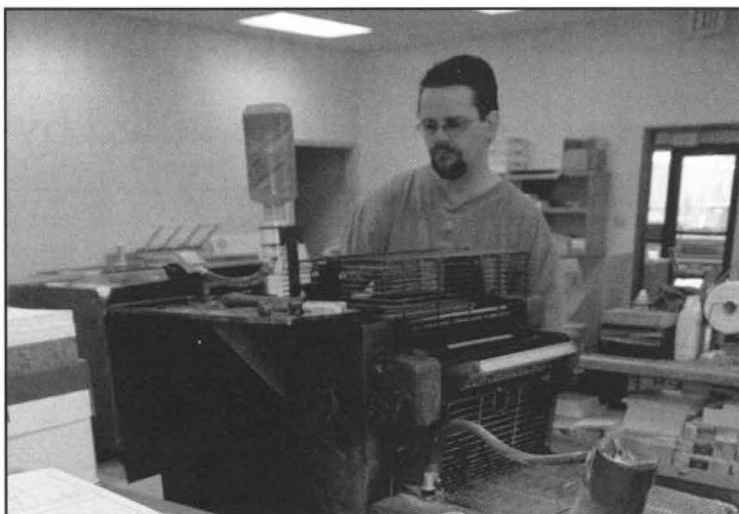
"It's going to be really neat to have my dad here as a part of the graduation ceremony," John Hutchinson said. "It'll definitely make it extra special."

Many graduating seniors are anticipating the big day.

"I can't wait for graduation," senior Mac Bell said. "It's been a good four years, but I'm ready to move on. I do know that once I'm gone I'll miss it like everyone says you will."

Although May and August graduations are held in the Benson Auditorium, the number of graduates in May forces graduation to the largest venue on campus — the Ganus Athletic Center.

"May graduation has outgrown the Benson," Pryor said.



Daniel Dubois/Petit Jean

A pressman at Harding Press puts the finishing touches on graduation announcements. Commencement exercises will be 10 a.m. May 12 in the Ganus Athletic Center. U.S. Representative Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.), whose son, John, is among the graduates, will deliver the commencement address. Approximately 430 students will receive their diplomas during the ceremony, according to Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president for academic affairs.

May grads head overseas for study

Moore, Yecke to pursue master's degrees at Oxford, Bristol

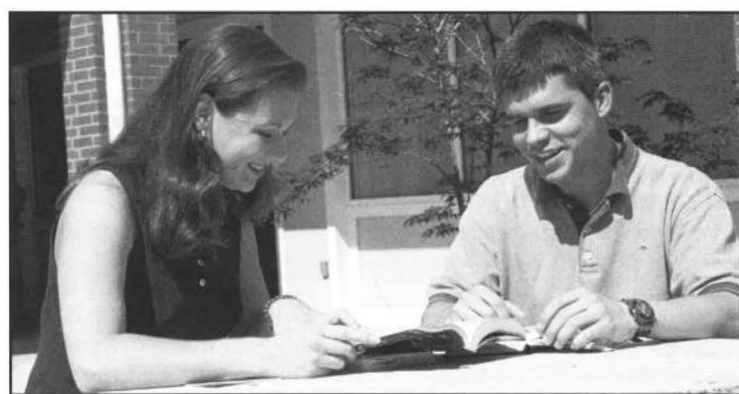
Chad Lawson
Staff Writer

Seniors Tim Moore and Tiffany Yecke grew up in different parts of the South, but both share a special fascination with another region miles away from their respective homes in Arkansas and Virginia.

Both love England — but their long-standing love affair with the small island has turned into much more than just a infatuation with a foreign nation. Moore and Yecke will both attend graduate schools there next year.

Moore has been accepted to attend Oxford University to study the 1895 border dispute between Venezuela and present-day Guyana and its impact on Anglo-American relations. He said his experiences during a semester abroad at Harding University in England furthered his interest in attending graduate school there.

"I developed a strong desire to go to England after studying the history of my family when I was still in junior high school," Moore



Ashlee Johnson/The Bison

Seniors Tiffany Yecke and Tim Moore will prepare to continue their education in England after their May graduation. Yecke, a theater major, will study at University of Bristol. Moore, who will attend Oxford University, will study an 1895 conflict between Venezuela and present-day Guyana.

said. "No one has made great strides in my particular area of research since the 1940s. In order to fill in the gaps of time in the various studies done in the past, I hope to supplement that work and research in order to back it up with a modern approach."

Moore, who will graduate next month with a degree in political science, was also accepted to the

London School of Economics. In fact, he was already finalizing his plans to attend LSE when his acceptance letter to Oxford arrived in the mail in early April. He also applied to Cambridge University.

"I have an English soul and an American spirit," said Yecke, who will study literary anthropology and mythology and classical literature at the University of Bristol. "I've always been an Anglophile."

Aside from her studies, Yecke said she was interested in experiencing small-town England. She said the backgrounds of America and Britain were linked through their interdependent roles in history.

"That's where we came from," she said. "As a Southerner, it will be exciting to make those connections."

Moore said his relationship with England has remained a constant force in his life, and he is confident that he will be able to adjust to the English culture. Originally from Wynne, Ark., Moore said the island nation was his adopted "second home."

"Being there over a year will change my habits, I'm sure, but my connection with home will keep me grounded," he said. "We all experience a special bond with certain places, and my love for my home state as well as the home of my ancestors has shaped my life and given me something to shoot for."

Moore and Yecke said they were both still toying with the idea of remaining in England for further study after they finish their preliminary graduate work, but neither one wants to make that commitment just yet.

"I'll first see how I adapt to the British way of life," Yecke said. "This is a big jump, a tremendous leap of faith that I'm making."

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Faces in the Crowd

Random pairings form lasting friendships

Editor's Note: This is the final in a series featuring unique members of the Harding community.

Hannah Rhodes
Staff Writer

For most students, learning to live with a roommate is one of the most difficult adjustments to college life.

Many students choose to be paired with a roommate, rather than living with a friend. However, roommate horror stories sometimes seem to outnumber the more positive experiences.

Few students go through their college career living with the same person.

In May, however, seniors Rachel McCuiston of Columbus, Ga., and Anna Westmoreland of Florence, Ala., will finish their fourth and final year as roommates. The pair met when they arrived on campus as freshmen in Aug. 1997.

"We get along so well," McCuiston said. "We have been very blessed."

The roommates say that having different groups of friends has helped keep their relationship strong.

"The only time we see each other is at night," Westmoreland said. "We have different personalities."

Spending time apart during the day allows them to bond at night, talking about friends and activities.

"Anna is a very encouraging person," McCuiston said. "She's always there to listen. Emotional support is very important."

Both McCuiston and Westmoreland acknowledge that it takes honesty and respect to stay with the same person for so long.

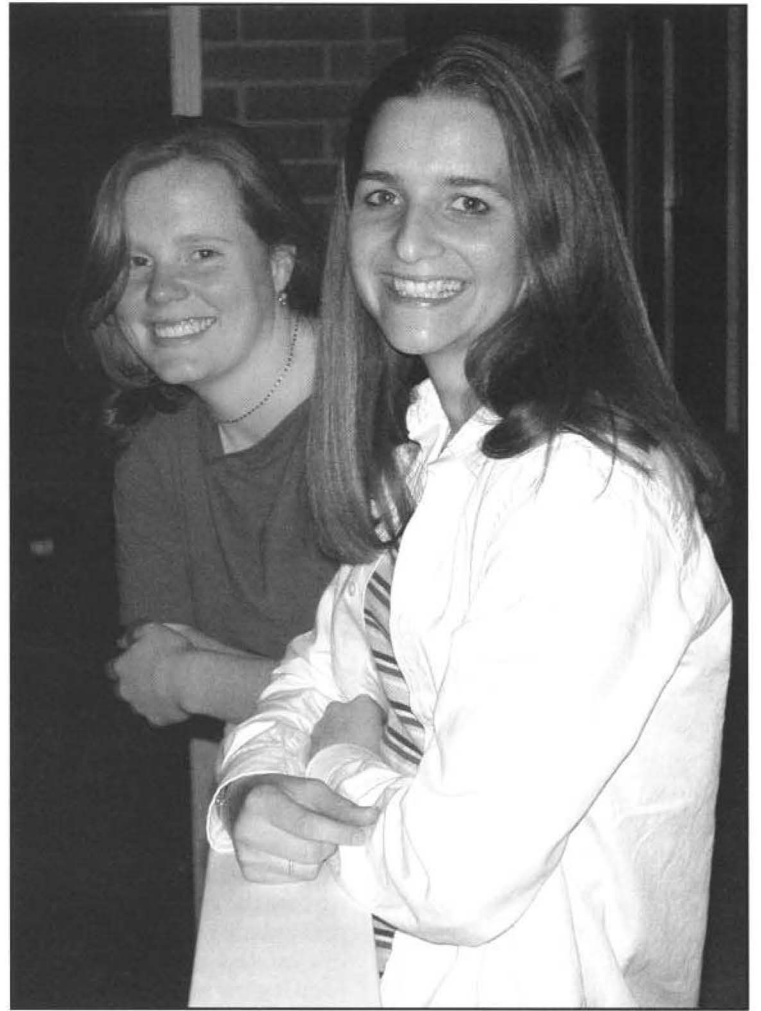
"You have to learn to tell someone when something hurts you ... in a tactful way," Westmoreland said.

"You have to learn people skills and how to deal with others on a more personal level," McCuiston said. "You learn how to deal with conflict, but you also get to enjoy each other's company."

Julie Sampley from Atlanta and Larena Baum from Fort Worth, Texas, have also stayed together



Ashlee Johnson/The Bison
Seniors Julie Sampley, above left, and Larena Baum enjoy their last few days together as roommates. The girls were randomly paired together before their freshman year in August 1997. Baum says the friends have never fought. "We always have a good time. Our personalities are so similar," she said. At right, seniors Anna Westmoreland, left, and Rachel McCuiston also met as roommates during their freshman year. Both girls say it has taken honesty and respect to live with someone so long. "You have to learn people skills and how to deal with others on a more personal level," McCuiston said. Although difficult at times, rooming bonds students. "She is my best friend in the entire world," said Katie Nichols, who has spent all four years with her roommate, senior Lara King.



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We're going to be roommates at Harding Place. We're just gonna reminisce about the old days and go to Heber.

Katie Nichols,
senior

through the long haul. The seniors had never met before arriving on campus their freshman year.

"We've never really had a fight," Baum said. "We just know how to laugh together. We always have a good time. Our personalities are similar, so we know when to say something and when not to say something. It's been a blessing that I've been able to share so much with Julie."

Seniors Katie Nichols of Birmingham, Ala., and Lara King of Joplin, Mo., were also strangers

when they were paired as roommates in the fall of 1997.

"We hit it off," Nichols said. "I was prepared for the worst. I walked in the room and quickly discovered that we had the same Beatles calendar and even the same hair curlers. Then I thought, 'Okay, this girl's going to be cool.'"

Nichols and King had never even talked before they arrived that first fall semester, because both had been traveling during the summer.

"She is my best friend in the entire world," Nichols said.

"And she's mine," King said. "We've really learned a lot from each other. We balance each other out, but we're also a lot alike."

The roommates say that living with the same person for a long time is the best way to get to know each other.

"Lara understands exactly how I am," Nichols said. "We finish each other's sentences."

Nichols and King have learned the characteristics of a good roommate.

"You learn to live together and

accept differences. Patience is important," Nichols said.

"You change roles as needed," King said. "You take turns being the entertainer and the caretaker. Katie's made me a lot more fun. I've gotten crazier as the years have gone by."

The pair will remain roommates next year, moving off campus as fifth-year seniors.

"I can't imagine living without her," King said.

Although separation is inevitable, the pair already has plans to reunite in the future.

"We're going to be roommates at Harding Place after our husbands knock off," Nichols said. "We're just gonna reminisce about the old days and go to Heber. And we'll have a jet ski by then because we won't be poor college students anymore."

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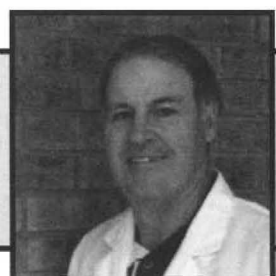
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'Cast Away' not total wash up



Pop
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I'll be the first to admit that when I saw the preview for Tom Hanks' latest Oscar endeavor, *Cast Away*, I hardly had to contain myself. I could just hear everyone talking about how great the movie was, and how stunning Hanks' acting was, how incredible the story was, and so on. I mean, how good can a movie in which you sit and pretty much watch one person for two and a half hours be?

See for yourself May 4-5 when *Cast Away* comes to the Benson Auditorium at 7:30 both nights as the last SA movie of the school year. Tickets are \$2 or free with the pass.

Regardless of my lack of enthusiasm, I did want to see the movie for the simple reason of getting an idea of what this year's Oscar race was going to be like.

The result? To be honest, I was pleasantly surprised by the movie. I was not blown away by it, nor did I find it to be incredibly stunning as far as special effects, level of acting or anything else.

What I did find was a very enjoyable, easy to watch movie. Tom Hanks plays Chuck Noland, a Federal Express systems engineer whose life is always on the move and by the clock, taking him to all parts of the world and away from his girlfriend Kelly (Helen Hunt).

His life comes to an abrupt halt when he finds himself stranded on a deserted island after a plane crash.

On the island, Chuck must figure out how to provide his basic needs. The real story, though, begins when he must find a way to fulfill the next important need: companionship. He is kept alive by three things: a picture of Kelly, a FedEx box with a picture of a set of wings and a new friend — a volleyball which he names Wilson.

The thing that impressed me the most was how the movie presented his situation once he returns to civilization four years later.

Overall, *Cast Away* is well worth going to see. I wouldn't say the movie flies by, but it is still worth your time.



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New programs bring variety to TV16 lineup

Natasha Jaworski
Staff Writer

For many years, the staple of TV16's original programming lineup has been the daily "Live at Five" news broadcast.

This semester, students in the Department of Communication have been flexing their creative muscles with the hands-on experience of producing other programs for airing on Harding's cable television station.

In order for students to get these shows on the air they had to go through three steps ordered by the department to moderate what goes on the air.

"It is all a matter of getting approved," said Bob Ritchie, electronic media operations manager. "Lots of shows have done a pilot [a taped production of how the show will be when on air] or a treatment [a written explanation of the show's concept], but few have actually gone all the way to getting something on the air."

First, students interested in doing a show must come up with a concept and present a written proposal to one of the communication faculty who work with TV16. If approved, a pilot episode is shot and reviewed. If accepted for broadcast on TV16, the show is then given a time slot.

Two new shows have aired on TV16 this semester: "The Rant" and "Film Forum."

"The Rant" is a sports talk show based on executive producer Jeremy Writt's newspaper column that he wrote while an undergraduate student at Moorehouse College.

"The column was called 'Writt's Rantings' and was basically me complaining or ranting about different issues in sports," said graduate student Jeremy Writt.

Freshman Brad Bellamy and Sophomores Mace Thomas, Josh Davidson and Nick Howell join Writt on the program. All have equal input into what they say on the show, and it is their opinions that make up the main portion of the show.

"It started out just me, Josh, Brad and Nick," Writt said. "But then Mace expressed interest and he has such a great personality that I just had to have him on the show."

The five guys enjoy themselves almost too much during the program.

"It is like locker room talk," Writt said. "We all express are opinions and usually get around to making fun of someone during the show."

The show airs at 6 and 11 p.m. Wednesdays. A marathon of all of this semester's episodes will air Saturday, May 5. The marathon will conclude with a live season finale.

The second show has recently started, but its creators have high hopes for future

production. "Film Forum," was created by sophomores Matt Owen and Jason Davis and senior Josh Moore.

"I have always had a passion for film and have enjoyed reading and watching film criticism columns and shows," Owen said. "So why not do a Harding show about film?"

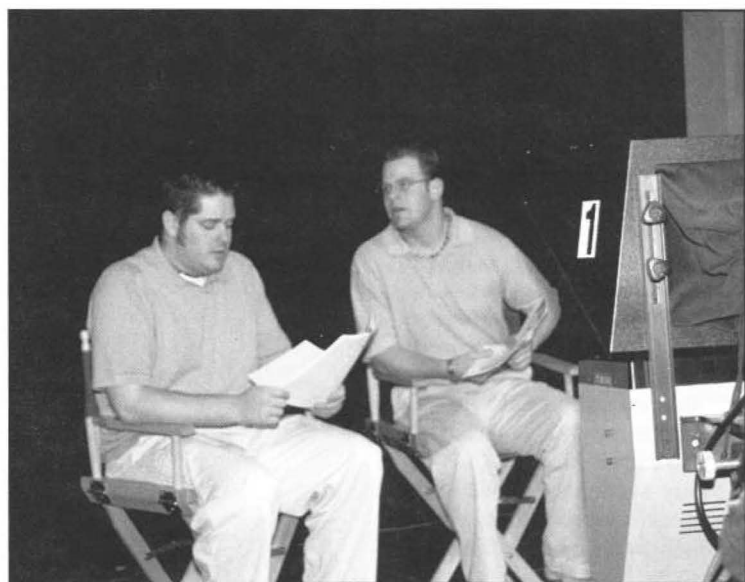
The show has aired once, but the group hopes to continue the show next semester.

"We have had a positive response, and I hope even more people will see it the more shows we get on the air," Davis said.

Davis and Owen try to keep it light and humorous, fashioning their show after shows like "Talk Soup" and "Siskel & Ebert."

"We try to keep it a very relaxed format," Davis said.

"Film Forum" airs Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., immediately following "Live at Five."



Ashlee Johnson/The Bison

"Film Forum" hosts Matt Owen, left, and Jason Davis prepare for an upcoming episode. The show, which taps into the hosts' love of films, will be fashioned after popular shows like "Talk Soup" and "Siskel & Ebert." Although it has only aired once, the hosts hope the show will begin again in the fall. TV16 has also begun airing "The Rant," a sports talk show based on executive producer Jeremy Writt's newspaper column he wrote while he was an undergraduate student at Moorehouse College.

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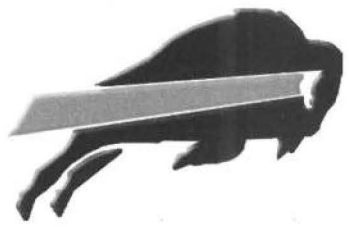


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Coaches prepare for next season, recruit top players to Harding

Sara Rabon
Staff Writer

Every spring, several Bison and Lady Bison coaches sign new players to their teams in hopes that they will be a positive addition to the roster.

The players come from all over the country, everywhere from small Texas high schools to large Northern junior colleges. What many do not realize is all the work that has gone on for many months to recruit the players to Harding.

Volleyball coach Keith Giboney is no exception. During the off-season he works hard traveling to games and calling players and coaches trying to achieve the perfect balance of talent and personality that will compliment his team.

Most of the games he sees are played by private, year-round clubs. He goes to tournaments as far away as Nevada and Florida to see a variety of girls and their styles in person.

"These are the games that take place in our off-season so I can go see them play," Giboney said.

He chooses the players that he thinks will benefit his team the most and starts talking to them while he is there. If they are both interested, his goal is to then get them on campus.

Players are given incentives to visit and attend Harding. All of his current players are receiving some type of a scholarship to play. There are a variety of scholarship opportunities to suit all of the players he recruits. The dollar amounts range from partial to full scholarships.

Some of the other incentives that potential players receive come from the Harding campus itself. He says the unique Christian environment that Harding offers often draws the type of players that work best with his other girls. He also says that if he can get a girl to Arkansas "our pretty campus sells itself."

One of his best selling points is the team he coaches.

"I have a good group, they're friendly and down-to-earth," he said. "The girls visiting see this and feel comfortable with them."

This year, Giboney has signed five players from Texas. All five of the players come from teams in the Texas AAAA classification. The players include Kate Kennedy, Amie Morrison, Leanne Lackey, Ashley Kellum and Danielle Foster.

Kennedy plays for the state championship team at New Braunfels High School. In July she will play in the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game. Kennedy was named the state tournament MVP and earned All-State accolades from both the Texas Sports Writers Association and the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Both Morrison and Lackey presently play for region one champion and state semifinalist Cleburne High School. Morrison is the two-time district Defensive Player of the Year. Lackey is a two-time first-team All-District honoree.

Kellum is the Lady Bisons' new setter from Southlake Carroll High School. She led her team, the Lady Dragons, to the regional quarterfinals.

Foster comes to the Lady Bisons with honors including first team and second team All-District honors. She carried the Red Oak Lady Hawks to both the regional and state semifinals during her career.

The Lady Bison volleyball team is not the only Harding team to sign players recently. Women's basketball coach Brad Francis announced the signing of guards Kendra Beard and Julie Wright.

Beard, a senior from Ozark High School in western Arkansas, averaged 12 points, four rebounds, four assists, and three steals per game in her career as a Class AAA State Champion Lady Hillbilly. She was named All-State by the Arkansas Activities Association, honorable mention All-State by the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and to the All-State Tournament team.

Wright, a Texas native, will transfer to Harding after two seasons as a Lady Eagle at Oklahoma Christian University. As a sophomore, she averaged 6.7 points and two assists. She was second on the team in both three-pointers and free throw percentage.

The men's team also signed a new player to the roster. Men's basketball coach Jeff Morgan announced the addition of junior college standout Jason Malek.

Malek, a sophomore guard from Richland College in Dallas, averaged 22 points and eight rebounds per game as a Thunder Duck. He earned first-team All-Metro Athletic Conference Honors.

These and other Bison teams are expected to sign additional players later this spring.



Ashlee Johnson/The Bison

TNT athletic director Dustin Roberts, left, accepts the large club "A" team championship award presented by junior Josh Reinstein. Members of King's Men's "A" team, below, celebrate their softball victory. King's Men claimed both "A" and "B" team championships for small club intramurals.



Jeremy Beauchamp/The Bison

TNT, Shantih top large club all-sports; King's Men, Omega Lambda Chi named small club champions

Men

Large Club Champions

A: TNT
B: Knights

Small Club Champions

A: King's Men
B: King's Men

Women

Large Club Champions

A: Shantih
B: Ko Jo Kai

Small Club Champions

A: Omega Lambda Chi
B: Kappa Gamma Epsilon

Club Sportsmanship Award: Chi Omega Pi

Golf team puts a lid on the 2001 season

Jaren Page
Staff Writer

Golf is a leisurely sport that many people enjoy playing on the weekends, on vacation and in friendly competition against friends.

However, there are nine men on Harding's campus who enjoy traveling the region and engaging in competitions against other schools in tournaments. These dedicated men make up the men's golf team.

The golf team, coached by Dr. Nicky Boyd, practices together every afternoon throughout the season.

The team consists of all different classifications including a graduate student and two graduating seniors.

"Golf is tough because in each tournament we are actually competing against each other," graduate student Stan Short said. "But we are a close team and it is great to see a team member do well in competition."

The golf team competed in eight area tournaments, three in the fall season and five in the spring. They began practice at the beginning of the fall semester until November. They had a break from team practices until February when they started practice up again.

"When I'm on the team I get to play golf everyday with some

[Golf] doesn't have a large fan following on a college level so you really have to have a love for the game in order to enjoy it.

Stan Short,
grad student

great guys," freshman Doug Sanders said. "How bad can that be?"

Tough tournaments were on the schedule for the team this year, but they competed well. In all but one of the tournaments, at least one of the team members finished in the top 20, often placing in the top 10. Senior Jeff Powell finished his college golf career strongly, finishing in the top 20 five times and in the top 10 four times. A highlight for him this year was the Burris Inc. Collegiate Classic, where he finished fifth in the tournament.

Short placed in the top 20 three times, while sophomore Jared Smith did so twice.

The first season in the Gulf South Conference brought difficult competitors such as West Florida and Arkansas Tech. Along with tough competition, the team also faced some rough courses. For more intense tournaments, such as last week's GSC Tourna-

ment in Hot Springs, Ark., the courses were set up to be a little more difficult to play. The greens were faster, the rough was higher, and the flags were tucked into hard to reach areas. The Bisons finished ninth out of 14 teams in their first GSC Tournament.

The team as a whole, however, had a great tournament when they traveled to Henderson, Tenn. to play in the Freed-Hardeman University Tournament in early April. The team finished fourth out of 14 schools.

Harding earned its highest team finish of the year at the Southern Arkansas Invitational in Magnolia April 3-4. Led by Powell's second place finish and Short's fourth place, the Bisons came in second out of four squads.

"This team is full of some really talented men," Boyd said. "They work hard and they work well with each other. Our seniors are great, so losing them may hurt us. But we have some great guys continuing and our incoming freshmen will be a good addition."

For the team, it's not as much about recognition as it is the dedication to the game itself.

"Golf is not a sport to gain glory," Short said. "It doesn't have a large fan following on a college level so you really have to have a love for the game in order to enjoy it."

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• The National Football League's Arizona Cardinals signed Harding standout Gerald Payne to a free agent contract Sunday, April 22, shortly after the seventh and final round of the NFL Draft. The wide receiver set several reception records while at Harding, and was also the first Bison wide receiver to be named an All-American. Payne is scheduled to report to mini-camp May 4.

• Junior Jacobo Martinez was named Gulf South Conference Western Division Men's Tennis Player of the Year Monday, April 23. Martinez is the first Bison to win the honor in any sport. Martinez had a 14-9 overall record, playing most of his matches in the difficult No.1 singles spot. Also earning recognition for Harding men's tennis were freshman Rodrigo Cervantes (who was named the GSC co-Western Division Freshman of the Year) and All-GSC Second Team honorees sophomore Artur Sikora and senior Igor Tamindzija.

• Three members of the Harding's women's tennis team were named as All-GSC team honorees. Junior Pernilla Axelsson was named to the All-GSC First Team after posting a 23-5 overall record, including a perfect 13-0 in the No.1 singles position. Earning Second Team honors were senior Laura Tollet and Axelsson's twin sister Eva.

• The Bison baseball team broke the school's 26-year old home run record on a solo shot by senior Jerris Noye. The homer gave the team 37 on the year.

• Harding baseball coach Shane Fullerton notched his 104th career victory on Tuesday, making him second on Harding's all-time list. Dick Johnson, who coached the Bisons from 1970-87, is tops on the list with 274 wins.

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Another Jordan comeback is a 99.9 percent bad idea



Overtime

Jeremy
Beauchamp
Sports Editor

Unless you've been living under a rock for the past few months, you've heard the rumors of a possible return of His Airness, Michael Jordan.

"Will he or won't he?" It's all beginning to sound like a sitcom cliffhanger rip off. However, whether or not you like him, Michael Jordan is simply the best who has ever played the game. He is a championship factory.

Hence the reason for all the buzz.

If he comes back, can he lead the lowly Washington Wizards to the championship, or at least to a winning record? The Wizards don't have a Scottie Pippen or a Dennis Rodman. In fact, their best player, Mitch Richmond, plays Jordan's former position.

Amid all of these questions, most signs are hinting that he will return. In the past six months, Jordan has been working out with the Wizards, trying to lose some weight to get back to his younger, more fit frame. He was behind the recent hiring of Doug Collins as head coach. Collins was Jordan's head coach for three years early

in his career. One of the owners of the Wizards said that Jordan would probably come back, and Jordan himself said the challenge to see if he could still play at the top level was a major motivating factor.

Jordan may be getting ready for the NBA, but is the NBA ready for Jordan?

Several weeks ago, some rule changes were voted in. Players now only have eight seconds to get across the half court line instead of ten. Also, illegal defense is gone, so now teams can run a zone defense. How could this effect Michael? Will he still be the tops of the league? Shaq has gotten more dominating, as have Tim Duncan, Vince Carter and Kobe Bryant. There are players in the league that are half Jordan's age.

Still, he would be the best player on the Wizards, but in the NBA?

Jordan shouldn't do it. Sure it would be great for business: ratings would soar, Wizards' games would sellout and his team would win at least 20 games. But would it be good for Michael?

Jordan retired on top in 1993, after winning his third NBA Championship. He made baseball look bad for almost two years and then returned to the Bulls in March 1995 and led them to the second round of the playoffs.

Michael had definitely proved he could still do it.

After winning three more titles with the Bulls, Jordan decided to retire again in 1998. Again he went out on top. Everyone remembers that buzzer-beater in game six of the finals that put the Bulls over the Jazz to close out the postseason. Can't he just leave it at that? It's called a legacy Mike, and it's something that you leave. You have done your part; you have proven yourself the best. Don't hurt the fans by coming back and breaking something besides a record. And please don't make Charles Barkley lose weight to play with you. He is so cuddly and adorable 60 pounds over his playing weight.

Michael says that he is 99.9 percent sure that he is not coming back. In other words, he's probably coming back.

At first, Jordan denied the rumors he was coming back in 1995. But he did. And he needed to. He was still in the spotlight, and the fact that he couldn't play baseball very well did not help his ego. He had something to prove back then. He had to take people's minds off of his batting average and force them to respect his scoring average. There is just nothing to prove now.

The only ego threat for MJ is the fact that his new team is so horrible. Hopefully, Mike will realize that we all still want to be like him and that he will never be forgotten. We don't blame him for his Wizards' play.

Stay away Mike. Let Lemieux have his glory and don't embarrass yourself. For the country and for the fans, leave us with that sweet taste in our mouths from when you showed us how great an athlete could be.

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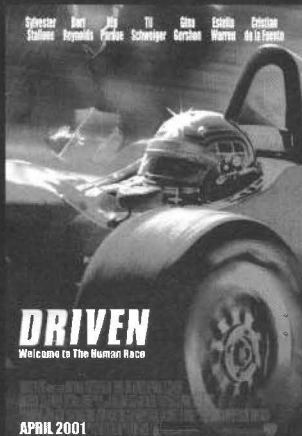
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